



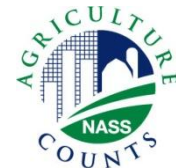
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Mississippi Rice Yield Estimate Up, But Production Down 48 Percent

Released today, the National Agricultural Statistics Service's forecast of Mississippi **Rice** production is 10.9 million hundredweight, down 48 percent from 2010. The yield per acre is forecast at 7,100 pounds, up 250 pounds from last year and 100 pounds below last month's forecast. Acres for harvest are estimated at 153,000 acres, down 50 percent from last year.

Cotton production is forecast at 1.21 million bales, up 43 percent from last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 960 pounds, down 33 pounds from last year. Acres for harvest are forecast at 605,000 acres, up 48 percent from last year.

Corn for grain production, at 90.9 million bushels, is down slightly from a year ago. Yield per acre is forecast at 118 bushels, up 4 bushels from the forecasted yield from September and 18 bushels below last year. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 770,000 acres, up 15 percent from 2010.

Soybean production, at 71.2 million bushels, is down 7 percent from last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 40 bushels, up 1.5 bushels from last year.

Hay production is forecast at 1.73 million tons, up 7 percent from 2010. Yield is forecast at 2.40 tons per acre, up 4 percent from 2010. Acreage harvested for 2011 is estimated at 720,000 acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Sorghum for grain production is forecast at 3.75 million bushels, up 477 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 75 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month's forecast, but up 10 bushels from 2010. Acreage harvested for 2011 is estimated at 50,000 acres, up 400 percent from last year.

Peanut production is forecast at 54.0 million pounds, down 14 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 3,600 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds per acre from 2010. Acreage harvested for 2011 is estimated at 15,000 acres, down 17 percent from last year.

National forecasts of production and yield per acre of selected crops and their comparisons to the previous year are as follows: **Corn** - production of 12.4 billion bushels, down slightly from last year; yield per acre of 148.1 bushels, down 4.7 bushels from last year. **Soybeans** - production of 3.06 billion bushels, down 8 percent; yield of 41.5 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year. **All Cotton** - production of 16.6 million bales, down 8 percent from last year; yield of 809 pounds per acre, down 3 pounds from last year. **Rice** - production of 187 million hundredweight, down 23 percent; yield of 7,123 pounds per acre, up 398 pounds from last year. **Peanuts** - production of 3.63 billion pounds, down 13 percent from last year; yield per acre at 3,256 pounds, down 56 pounds from last year. **All Other Hay** production of 67.0 million tons, down 14 percent from last year; yield per acre of 1.75 tons, down 0.20 ton from last year.

**Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production; 2010 and Forecast October 1, 2011;
Mississippi and United States**

Crop	Unit	Acreage		Yield		Production	
		Harvested 2010	For Harvest 2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
1,000 Acres				1,000 Units			
Mississippi							
Soybeans	bu	1,980	1,780	38.5	40.0	76,230	71,200
All Cotton ^{1 2}	bale	410.0	605.0	993	960	848.0	1,210.0
All Rice ²	cwt	303	153	6,850	7,100	20,756	10,863
Corn Grain	bu	670	770	136.0	118.0	91,120	90,860
Peanuts	lbs	18.0	15.0	3,500	3,600	63,000	54,000
Pecans, All	lbs	---	---	---	---	2,100	2,200
Sorghum	bu	10	50	65.0	75.0	650	3,750
All Other Hay	tons	700	720	2.30	2.40	1,610	1,728
United States							
Soybeans	bu	76,610	73,676	43.5	41.5	3,329,181	3,059,987
All Cotton ^{1 2}	bale	10,698.7	9,849.5	812	809	18,104.1	16,608.2
All Rice ²	cwt	3,615	2,624	6,725	7,123	243,104	186,903
Corn Grain	bu	81,446	83,936	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,432,910
Peanuts	lbs	1,255.0	1,114.0	3,312	3,256	4,156,840	3,627,700
Pecans, All	lbs	---	---	---	---	293,740	251,700
Sorghum	bu	4,808	4,432	71.8	55.0	345,395	243,800
All Other Hay	tons	39,906	38,276	1.95	1.75	77,653	66,980

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. 480-lb. net weight bales.

² Yield in pounds per acre.